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Newspaper.

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Bankers.

MITCHELL & GLOVER, Mitchell's Building.

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ED. T. MALONE, east side Plaza.

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Groceries.

D. COUGHER & CO., east side of the plaza, opposite Court House.

CHARLES BUCK, South side Plaza.

Druggists.

DAYTON & DANIEL, north side of the Main Plaza.

OTTO GRAMM, Travis' Corner.

Physicians.

DRS. WOODS & BLAKEMORE, office in Woods and Daniel's Drug store.

DRS. DENTON & PENDLETON, office College Street, nearly opposite Hutchison & Co.'s store.

Dentist.

DR. J. H. COMBS, office North side of of the Main Plaza.

Lawyers.

HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, in the Court-house

S. B. MCBRIDE, office in the Court House,

STERLING FISHER, office in the Court House.

O. T. BROWN, office over Mitchell's store.

Land Agent and Notary Public.

I. H. JULIAN, office Free Press Building, east side Plaza, nearly opposite the Court House.

Hotels.

WOOTTON HOTEL, on the Austin road, one block East of Public Square.

HOFHEINZ HOTEL, S. E. Cor. Plaza.

TRAVIS HOUSE, west side Plaza.

Bakery and Confectionary.

FRITZ LANGR, South side Plaza.

Millinery Store.

D. HOFHEINZ, south side Plaza.

Wagon and Carriage Maker.

H. RAU & BRO., at Thompson's Blacksmith Shop.

Blacksmith.

P. THOMPSON, S. E. cor. Austin & Mountain sts

Carpenters and Builders.

J. C. ROGERS, residence near the Institute.

Livery and Sale Stables.

BALES & SON, San Antonio street.

Cabinet-Makers.

J. WARD, east side of Plaza.

Watchmaker and Jeweler.

W. H. ROBERTS, east side plaza.

Meat Market.

TOWNSEND & THOMAS, north side plaza.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

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The Death Penalty.

Now is it, when you come to death

Some victim for his crime—

Accounting him not fit to live,

You still allow him time

To make his peace with God, for what

Yourself will not forgive?

Freezing, that though fit to die,

He is not fit to live!

Now, though he be not fit to live,

Is he prepared to die?

Sent struggling from this world of woe,

Before his God on high!

You send unto his darkened soul

The consecrated priest;

And when reduced to penitence,

You hang him from a tree.

Beneath the culprit's cap and shroud,

Devoid of sacred art—

With gentle impulses endowed,

May beat a kindly heart.

Plead not for mercy then yourselves,

When, with the strangling cord,

And sacrilegious hand, you mar

The image of the Lord.

How can you know just how much time

Your victim should be given.

For such repentance as still send

His spirit pure to heaven?

Supporters of the bloody code,

We wait for your reply—

How is it, when unfit to live,

A man is fit to die?

Boys, Learn a Trade.

James Parton writes as follows:

Few persons have looked into the

lives of so many remarkable men as I

have, yet I cannot call to mind one of

the acknowledged kings of business,

who did not in earlier life serve a long

apprenticeship akin to that which he

afterwards exercised, and in which his

great success was made.

Vanderbilt, for example, was a

boatman, sloop captain, and a steam-

boat captain for nineteen years before

he set up for himself in the business

of building and running steamboats, in

which he gained more money than was

ever before gained in a single lifetime,

except by plunder. There is not a

man to-day who knows as much about

steamboats and steamships as did this

same Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Astor is another illustration. He

learned the fur business from the very

rudiments. He used to beat furs from

morning till night in his master's back

shop, and after doing this awhile, he

used to take a basket of trinkets and

nicknacks, and go around among the

sloops and markets, driving hard bar-

gains with boatmen, Indians and

market men for such skins as they

had brought to town. By and by he

shouldered his pack and tramped

the country for peltries, and extend-

ing his journey, at length he became

familiar with every place, every tribe

and every person connected with the

fur trade of North America. Then he

went to Europe, and learned all about

the market for furs and their prices in

every part of the world. Few men

ever understood a thing so well as Mr.

Astor understood the business of col-

lecting, curing and selling furs. He

knew it, not as a clerk might know it,

he knew it as a man knows a trade

to which he has served a long appren-

ticeship under a watchful and exact-

ing master.

Another case in point was the first

Rothschild, who from his twelfth to

his twenty-seventh year, laboriously

acquired a knowledge of money, first

as errand boy and money-counter to

his father, and afterwards a banker's

clerk.

Girard, too, was a thorough sailor

before he owned a ship, and was per-

sonally familiar with most of the com-

mercial ports long before he ever con-

signed a cargo to one of them.

Jonh Gorham, of Providence, the

head of the largest manufactory of sil-

and doing it until they can do it easily

and perfectly.

The knowledge which a clerk ac-

quires in part of the indispensable

equipment of a man of business; but it

is far from being so vital to a grand

success as that which comes of a true

apprenticeship. Gibbon says that go-

ing out with the militia on training

days was of material assistance to him

in writing the history of the great

Roman wars. Just giving the word of

command to a few companies of coun-

try militia; let him into the secret of

complicated battles and great cam-

paigns.

Learn a trade then, lads, you who

aspire to do something creditable and

substantial during your life. Would

you be an architect, and build the new

capitol West of the Mississippi? Well,

then, go apprentice to the best carpen-

ter or mason in your reach. Do you

wish to be a sculptor, and yet cannot

pay a master's fee? Instead of pining

in your mother's chimney corner, go to

the nearest stone cutter and cut tomb-

stones.

The educating effect of learning a

good trade has never been sufficiently

considered.